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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES

1. ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS TODAY, AUGUST 30, HUNDREDS OF REFUGEES FROM THE ANGOLAN TOWN OF CALAI HAVE CROSSED THE RIVER INTO KAVANGO FOLLOWING CAPTURE OF THE TOWN BY MPLA FORCES "SUPPORTED BY CUBANS AND EAST GERMANS." ABOUT 400 REFUGEES REPORTEDLY MANAGED TO CROSS INTO NAMIBIA. ANOTHER 200 WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN STOPPED BY MPLA SOLDIERS.

2. GENERAL GELDENHUYS, OFFICER COMMANDING SWA COMMAND, WAS QUOTED BY "THE RAND DAILY MAIL" AS SAYING THAT THE MPLA  
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FORCES LAST NIGHT OPENED FIRE ACROSS THE RIVER ON A YOUTH CAMP IN RUNDU. THE GENERAL REPORTEDLY SAID HE HAD GIVEN STRICT ORDERS TO SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS NOT TO RETALIATE AND THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD LEAVE FOR THE BORDER TODAY.

3. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, GELDENHUYS ALSO REPORTED THAT THREE PEOPLE--ONE A SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIER--

HAD BEEN WOUNDED LAST NIGHT WHEN TERRORISTS FIRED ON  
A GROUP OF PEOPLE ON THEIR WAY TO THE MILITARY CAMP  
NEAR OSHIVELLO. SECURITY FORCES WERE SAID TO BE  
FOLLOWING UP THE TERRORISTS.

4. COMMENT: UP TO NOW CALAI AND MOST OF THE BORDER AREA ALONG  
THE OKAVANGO FOR SOME TIME HAVE APPARENTLY NOT BEEN  
UNDER EFFECTIVE MPLA CONTROL. THIS SITUATION HAS  
CONTRIBUTED TO THE ABSENCE OF SIGNIFICANT SWAPO  
ACTIVITY INTO KAVANGO. SWAPO MAY BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH  
FORWARD BASES IN THIS AREA OF ANGOLA IF THE MPLA CAN  
MAINTAIN ITS POSITION.  
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